Several Italian fashion houses unveiled their new styles yesterday to coincide with Paris openings. Milan's Biki featured this evening gown in three shades of green silk. Long panels of skirt are pleated at bodice to give harlequin effect.—(AP Photofax.)

Paris Revives Natural Look

'Hour-Glass' Figure Back

Tiny Waists, Round Hips, Wider Skirts, Huge Hats

PARIS (Reuters)—The "hour-glass" figure returned to the fashion world yesterday in a new collection shown by designer Jean Patou opening a week of Paris shows.

The Patou girl has a tiny, nipped waistline, rounded hips and fully, accentuated bosom. Her skirt, easier and wider than the old tube shape, comes comfortably below the knee.

ROLLED PLEATS

"Doublet" jackets mould the midriff and define the natural waist. The hips are marked with rolled pleats jutting out at right angles.

Dresses recall the feminine simplicity of the Gibson girl, as Patou revives wasp waists and corselets, accentuated by wide belts.

Suits, dresses and the revived coat-dress all bring back the marked waistline.

"CORSET COVER"

Back-buttoned boleros and bodices, sheer "corset cover" suit-blouses and sleeves cut in one piece with the yoke are are other details. Sleeves are snug and bracelet length, set beneath the wider dropped shoulder line.

Hats are as big as "Miss Gibson's" waist is small. They are enormous cartwheels piled high like wedding cakes in froths of tulle or slope-brimmed platters of glazed straw.

BRIGHT COLORS

Colors are bright, with emphasis on clear pink and red, backed by much milky greens as chartreuse and absinthe. Black and white combinations are strong.

Pierre Cardin meanwhile launches the "hoop" silhouette, featuring rounded lines and feminine curves, with emphasis on neckline and shoulder treatments.

PAGODA EFFECTS

The broad rounded shoulder lines suggests the top curve of the hoop. Cape sleeves are mounted in wide pagoda effects with gathered pleats fastened with bows.

Hemlines have dropped an inch, to hide the kneecap.

Cardin revives the long evening dress established at ankle length. Some skirts are draped like a sultan's robe and slit in front to reveal the leg.

All feature a daring, strapless decollette.

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British Women Revolt

LONDON (UPI) — British women and London's dress designers are in revolt.

Ignoring the traditional lead from the Paris fashion shows, which began yesterday, they already have decided what they are going to wear this coming spring and summer.

It is—the "British Look."

The revolt, the manufacturers said, was universal. British women responded to it "like the response to some inaudible bird call."

They said the "British Look" would be characterized by gently-dropped shoulders, straight but not severe tailoring with many cardigan suits, hats that were large but never overwhelming, and skirts that reached at least an inch below the knee when the wearer was seated.

The revolt spread to colors, too. The "Fruit Look" will be this summer's color scheme with lemon and grapefruit, yellows, orange, tangerine, almond cream, red apple and plum purple.

A dress trade spokesman said the Parisian fashion kings had no one to blame but themselves for the revolt.

They said last year the Paris fashion shows left women confused and shops full of dresses they could not sell.

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Biki, one of Italy's foremost women designers uses red satin for this cocktail dress which features matching scarf-like bolero which ends in rose knots.

Wiggle Cost Her Job

BLANDFORD, England (AP)—Karin Stebnitz has lost her job and left town—all because of her wiggle.

Seventeen-year-old Karin is an eyeful—5 ft. 4 in. tall, brunette, 39-28-40—and all the boys in town stared at her wiggle, which she couldn't cure.

Girls in the street copied it, townsfolk talked about it, the chaps nudged each other when they spotted it.

"The boss said my wiggly walk looked bad for a respectable business firm," Karin said.

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Teen Towners Elect Officers

La Verne Thomas has been elected president of North Saanich Teen Town, with Virginia McVinnie secretary-treasurer and Eddie Locke chairman of the membership committee.

The club, which holds regular dances at SANCHA Hall, has a membership of more than 50, and has led the way for several young people's activities in the district since its formation more than a year ago.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. George Osborne, 3611 Tillicum Road, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Georgia Phyllis to Mr. Thomas Wesley Wayne Andrew, RCN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Andrew, Darlingford, Man. The ceremony will take place in St. Andrew's Chapel, HMCS Naden, on March 6 at 8 p.m. Miss Marlene Herbert will attend the bride and Mr. Dennis Karras will act as best man. Chaplain D. H. Fuller will officiate.

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Wearing a corsage duplicating the one she wore on her honeymoon trip 25 years ago, Mrs. W. G. Crosley and her husband will welcome family and friends to a big open house on their silver wedding anniversary, Jan. 31. The couple, married in Victoria, live at 1611 Clawthorpe Avenue and have four daughters, Mrs. Leon Ferrett, Mrs. Jim Love, Mrs. Frank Sartorio and Mrs. Len Cardiff, and 11 grandchildren. Also present for the celebrations will be Mrs. J. Billington, Mrs. Crosley's mother.

Mrs. R. P. Hagel

Lions' Auxiliary Install President

At the annual meeting held in a private room at the Empress Hotel recently, Mrs. R. P. Hagel was installed president of the Victoria Lions' Auxiliary.

A smorgasbord dinner was enjoyed by members of the club prior to the meeting.

Mrs. George Hinch acted as chairman for the evening; Mrs. J. D. Horne presented a corsage to the new president and past president, Mrs. H. R. Paulin. Installing officers were Mrs. E. H. Emery and Mrs. W. C. Rae.

RIBBONS GIVEN

The annual report was read following presentation of perfect attendance ribbons to Mrs. J. Johnston, Mrs. D. Ewing, Mrs. George Hinch, Mrs. Rae, Mrs. Paulin, Mrs. Emery and Mrs. M. J. Sharp.

Donations from the auxiliary last year were as follows: $50 to the Save the Children Fund; $5, Red Cross; Cerebral Palsy Association, $200 for the purchase of a piano; $150 to the Retarded Children's Fund for a piano; $10 to the Mental Health Association; $25 for the Cerebral Palsy Clinic; $15 for a Christmas hamper; $25 for Gorge Road Hospital; $25 for clothing for two families; $25 for the "500" Club and $10 to an elderly couple.

Vice-president of the auxiliary is Mrs. J. Johnston; recording secretary, Mrs. C. L. Keyworth; corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. W. Gibson; treasurer, Mrs. D. R. Ewing; two-year directors, Mrs. M. H. King, Mrs. A. R. Cann; one-year directors, Mrs. C. R. Savage and Mrs. Lola Cullimore.

Committee members include Mrs. E. Cross, Mrs. M. J. Sharp, Mrs. A. R. Cann, Mrs. J. Johnston, Mrs. O. G. Elliott, Mrs. C. R. Savage, Mrs. L. K. O'Neill, Mrs. N. M. Foster, Mrs. E. C. Brown, Mrs. J. Horne and Mrs. E. B. Hackett.

Baptists Install Officers

Members of First Baptist Church Women's Union at the annual meeting recently welcomed the new president, Mrs. J. A. Forster, and expressed appreciation to retiring president Miss K. B. Stewart for fine leadership in the last two years. Mrs. G. R. Easter is honorary president.

Other officers installed by Mrs. Newland Phillips were Mrs. A. R. Booth, first vice-president; Mrs. M. E. Bevis, second vice-president; Mrs. P. R. Thompson, recording secretary; Mrs. D. Pearmain, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. Zabel, treasurer, and Mrs. R. L. Van Wart, assistant treasurer.

Conveners taking office were Mrs. N. Phillips, Miss P. Pratt, Mrs. H. G. Day, Miss V. Waller, Mrs. F. W. Clayden, Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. M. O. Lavoie, Mrs. M. E. Bevis, Mrs. W. E. Major, Mrs. E. Bell, and Mrs. G. Bergstrom.

Mrs. C. MacLean and Mrs. W. E. Myers were appointed to the Local Council of Women; Mrs. O. M. Brown and Mrs. Bergstrom to the B.C. Protestant Orphanage, and Mrs. Phillips to Rose Manor.

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Women Demand It!

Japanese Revert To Sex Inequality

TOKYO (WNS)—There is a swing back to inequality of the sexes in Japan. It is the women who are demanding the change.

"We don't want equal rights with men if it means that our gentle feminine way of life must be lost," explained Mrs. Kasuko Aijima, prominent women's leader.

SPOILED, UNHAPPY

During Japan's occupation by American troops, Tokyo's women enjoyed new freedoms never before imagined. Now that American military camps are growing fewer, Japanese women are dropping their American freedoms of their own accord.

"With so-called equality we become spoiled, discontented, critical, frustrated and generally unhappy," reported Mrs. Aijima.

What is worse, Japanese men began to treat women with indifference, disrespect and rudeness.

NO FUN AT ALL

"They were treating us just the way they treat themselves," said the clubwoman. "It was no fun at all."

Mrs. Aijima believes that it is in the nature of things for women to be happiest when they are serving men.

"Statistics prove that the life expectancy of a man is shorter than that of a woman," she pointed out. "Therefore, it is up to the woman to serve her man and keep him alive.

"A husband needs to be encouraged to stay alive," she told her club members. "Who wants to be a widow?"

Mrs. Aijima declared that a woman's body has more strength and is more suited to hard work than that of a man.

"Man's brain is stronger and should be left free for intelligent decisions," she suggested.

Woman should be busy providing beauty, freshness, love, relaxation and comfort for the male brain.

"When the man thinks, decides, governs and regulates the family unit properly, he is doing a greater service for his woman than she can ever do for him," she added.

She asserted that subservience keeps Japanese women quietly serene, their cheeks beautifully round and their faces free from "that harsh look of the American woman."

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Yacht Club Sets Own Film Show

Of special interest to those who sail or merely "mess about in boats" is the Feb. 7 film showing at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

The first film night of the new year is in the hands of Cmdr. J. E. Korning and the color movies he will show include shots of last year's Swiftsure Race, numerous sailing sequences of RCN manoeuvres at sea and an account of the Fleet Review for Princess Margaret last summer.

Another February feature at the club is the annual Frostbite dance. Scheduled for Feb. 28, it is the same weekend the Royal Vancouver and West Vancouver Frostbiters will be in Victoria for the first engagement of the Inter-City championships.

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